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August 21, 2024

## **By ECF**

The Honorable Sidney H. Stein United States District Judge Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Robert Menendez, et al.,

S4 23 Cr. 490 (SHS)

Dear Judge Stein:

The Government respectfully writes in the above-captioned matter to request that the Court permit the Government to file its response to the post-trial motions filed by defendants Robert Menendez, Wael Hana, and Fred Daibes on September 23, 2024.

On July 16, 2024, the jury returned a guilty verdict against the defendants on all counts. Counsel for Hana requested additional time to file post-trial motions, citing the "length of the trial" and "the complication of the record." (July 16, 2024 Tr. at 7214.) With the Government's consent, the Court extended the 14-day limit set forth in Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 29 and 33 for the defendants to file post-trial motions until August 19, 2024, which was 34 days after the verdict. (*Id.* at 7215.) On August 19, 2024, the defendants filed over 300 pages of post-trial motions. (*See* Dkts. 590, 592, 593.)

Accordingly, the Government requests the same period of time to respond to the defendant's motions, that is, until September 23, 2024, which is sufficiently in advance of the October 29, 2024 sentencing proceedings.

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Respectfully submitted,

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